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SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, SEMICONDUCTOR
DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MOUNTING THE DEVICE**

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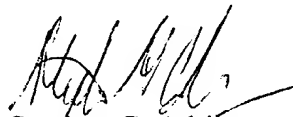
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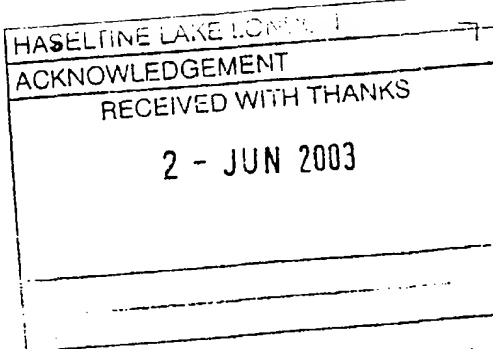
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The present European patent application comprised at the time of filing more than ten claims.

- ☐ Only part of the claims have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for the first ten claims and for those claims for which claims fees have been paid, namely claim(s):
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The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

1. Claims: 1, 2, 18, 19

Claims 1, 2, 18 and 19 relate to a semiconductor device comprising a semiconductor element having having (optionally convex - claim 2) protruding electrodes, a resin seal, and (further) external connection protruding electrodes on said protruding electrodes.

2. Claims: 3 - 7

Claims 3 - 7 relate to a semiconductor element comprising a semiconductor element having protruding electrodes, a resin seal, and said protruding electrodes having a core portion and an electrically conductive film thereon.

3. Claim : 8

Claim 8 relates to a semiconductor element comprising a semiconductor element having protruding electrodes, a resin seal, and the semiconductor element having an outer peripheral portion thinner than a central portion.

4. Claim : 9

Claim 9 relates to a semiconductor element comprising a semiconductor element having protruding electrodes, a resin seal, and the semiconductor element having an outer peripheral portion thicker than a central portion.

5. Claim : 10

Claim 10 relates to a semiconductor element comprising a semiconductor element having protruding electrodes, a resin seal, and part of the side portion of the semiconductor element being covered with the resin layer.

6. Claims: 11, 12

Claims 11 and 12 relate to a semiconductor element comprising a semiconductor element having protruding electrodes, a resin seal, and the semiconductor element having a protrusion for positioning formed thereon.

7. Claims: 13 - 17

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